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SUBJECT:VISIT OF DR. CARL DJERASSI - NAS CONTACT WITH

1. NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (NAS) MEMBER DR. CARL DJERASSI, PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY AT STANFORD, SCHEDULED TO VISIT CAIRO APRIL 6-11 ON WAY TO NAIROBI AND DAR ES SALAAM. DJERASSI IS CHAIRMAN OF THE AID-FUNDED NAS BOARD ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WHICH HAS ACTIVE PROGRAMS OF SCIENCE COOPERATION WITH ABOUT 15 LDCS IN ASIA, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA. AS SUCH HE HAS ARRANGED TO CALL ON PROFESSOR ABDEL MONEM ABOU-EL-AZM, PRESIDENT, EGYPTIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY, TO BRIEF HIM AND COLLEAGUES, DRS. M. M. HAFEZ AND A. SABET, ON NAS LDC-ORIENTED ACTIVITIES AND EXPLORE IN PRELIMINARY FASHION POSSIBILITIES FOR NAS PROGRAM WITH EGYPTIAN SCIENCE COMMUNITY.

2. FYI. AID/NAS PROGRAM IN LDCS TAKES FORM OF JOINT SPONSORSHIP OF SCIENCE WORKSHOPS AND IS NOT SUPPORT TO SPECIFIC SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PROJECTS BY HOST COUNTRY INVESTIGATORS AS IS THE CASE OF TYPICAL SFCP PROJECTS. NEVERTHELESS WE WOULD INTEND THAT ANY AID/NAS ACTIVITY  
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THAT MAY DEVELOP WOULD BE IN CONSONANCE WITH EMBASSY

GUIDANCE ON OVERALL SCIENTIFIC RELATIONSHIPS. END FYI.

3. AS MEMBER OF PUGWASH INTERNATIONAL CONTINUING COMMITTEE, DJERASSI WILL ALSO BE IN TOUCH WITH EGYPTIAN PUGWASH PARTICIPANT DR. E. E. GALAL, DIRECTOR-GENERAL, DRUG RESEARCH AND CONTROL CENTER, WHO IS ARRANGING HIS CAIRO PROGRAM, WHICH MAY INCLUDE LECTURES ON FERTILITY CONTROL AND RELATED RESEARCH ISSUES ON WHICH DJERASSI IS AN INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY. DJERASSI IS BEING ASKED TO CONTACT EMBASSY ON ARRIVAL FOR ANY GENERAL GUIDANCE DEEMED APPROPRIATE. RUSH

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